

Judge Bruce E. Heller

Judge Bruce Heller was appointed to the King County Superior Court bench by Governor Chris Gregoire in 2007. Prior to his appointment, Judge Heller practiced labor and employment law for 25 years. As a labor and employment attorney, he represented employers, labor unions, and employees. Early in his career, Judge Heller was a trial attorney with the Alaska Public Defender Agency. He has also served as an arbitrator and mediator.

Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Heller was the Chair of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission and a Commissioner on the Seattle Human Rights Commission. He also was a citizen member of the Seattle City Council WTO Accountability Review Panel. Currently, Judge Heller is a member of the Court's Executive Committee.

Judge Heller received his B.A., with distinction, from Stanford University, and his J.D. from the University of California Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, where he was an associate editor of the Industrial Relations Law Journal. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable James M. Fitzgerald, United States District Court in Anchorage, Alaska.